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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In September 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program released **Greggory A. Warehime** (HC60100156) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Clark County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Chris A. Schmidt** (NA00126168) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Cowlitz County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Erica L. Vazquez** (NC60175281) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft.

Douglas County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Alicia Lee Walerts-Russ** (NC60138610) and placed her certification on probation for

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two years. She was convicted of theft three times. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Grant County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the registration and license of **Estela Yarrito** (CP00003751). She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In September 2011 the Dental Commission amended charges against dentist **Raymond K. Chan** (DE00005695). The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating a patient, creating or retaining adequate treatment records for the patient.

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kabinet Diawara** (NC10058212) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a romantic and sexual relationship with a patient.

In September 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Matthew R. Gephart** (VB60127148) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted oxycodone and hydrocodone from his place of employment for his own use.

In September 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program granted the application of **Randalph Kelly Noone** (CG60227184) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of possession of cocaine, trafficking in stolen property, identity theft, and attempted possession of cocaine. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In August 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors denied the application of veterinary technician **Kirsten Lee Parry** (AT60202282). She was convicted of "child abuse: criminal negligence causes injury," failed to disclose the conviction on her Oregon veterinary technician applications and renewals, and performed duties as a veterinary technician for almost a year without a credential.

In September 2011 the Dispensing Optician Program granted the application of **Logan Nathaniel Peck** (DO60208240) and placed conditions against his license. He was convicted of minor in possession of alcohol on more than one occasion. He was also convicted of theft and negligent driving.

Pierce County

In September 2011 the Board of Hearing and Speech charged hearing instrument fitter and dispenser **Nancy J. Buckner** (HA00002698) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to refund a client for unsatisfactory hearing aids, providing inaccurate addresses for her home and business, and using Social Security numbers and a name that didn't belong to her. She

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allegedly failed to respond to Department of Health inquiries regarding the Social Security numbers.

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jennifer R. Marshall** (NA60080283) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to report an incident with a patient, encouraged a patient to behave inappropriately, and make an inappropriate comment to staff members.

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jessica A. Shoaf** (NA60019424) with unprofessional conduct. While helping another staff member with an aggressive patient, she allegedly yelled at the patient, physically separated the patient from another staff member, knocked the patient down, kicked the patient, and failed to report the incident resulting in the delay of addressing the patient's broken finger. She also allegedly encouraged a patient to behave inappropriately, and make an inappropriate comment to staff members.

Skagit County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Erik Ostergaard** (CO60237043) and placed conditions against his certification. He entered into a deferred prosecution for driving under the influence and criminal solicitation. He was convicted of negligent driving, driving under the influence, and criminal trespassing. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Snohomish County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Alayna M. Charvet** (NA60110174) and placed terms and conditions against her registration with which she must comply.

Walla Walla County

In September 2011 the Board of Nursing Home Administrators charged **Larry M. White** (NH00002207) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to adequately facilitate the care of a patient who displayed angry behavior and refused to shower.

Whatcom County

In September 2011 the Massage Program granted the application of **Jennifer Marie Ingham** (MA60238432) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of driving under the influence, and of minor in possession and/or consumption of liquor. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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Yakima County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Kenneth David Braconnier**, **Sr.** (CO60154950, CP60145197) from terms and conditions set against his certification and license.

Out of State

Illinois: In September 2011 the Dental Commission removed the restrictions against the license of dentist **Paul S. Petrungaro** (DE60176631).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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